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SUBJECT:FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT IN  
EUROPE

REFS: A. PARIS 20067 (DTG 231719Z JUN 78), B. STATE 158598  
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1. WE WELCOME DE LA ROCHEFORDIERE'S CONFIRMATION THAT GOF  
INTENDS TO CONSULT AT NATO ON ITS PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCE

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ON DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE (BEGIN FYI: IN SEPARATE CONVERSA-  
TIONS WITH ACDA REPS, ITALIAN AND DUTCH EMBOFFS STRESSED  
VIEWS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS THAT NATO SHOULD BE FOCUS OF  
CONSULTATIONS ON FRENCH PROPOSAL AND THAT FRENCH PROPOSAL  
SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO INTERFERE WITH MBFR PROCESS.  
END FYI)

2. CONCERNING ROCHEFORDIERE'S QUESTION IN PARA 5, REF A, WE DID NOT DRAW ON TALKING POINTS IN REF B DURING BILATERAL WITH FRENCH IN WASHINGTON. (BEGIN FYI: REF B WAS NOT FULLY CLEARED IN WASHINGTON IN TIME TO BE FACTORED INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH PAGNIEZ, ET. AL. END FYI)

3. CONCERNING ROCHEFORDIERE'S QUESTION IN PARA 6, REF A, IDEAS IN REF B, PARA 11, ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF SUBJECTS WE

BELIEVE COULD BE DISCUSSED USEFULLY WITHIN GENERAL CONTEXT OF ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS ON FRENCH PROPOSAL. OTHER ALLIES MAY WISH TO RAISE ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS TO BE ADDRESSED IN RELATION TO FRENCH PROPOSAL. IN COURSE OF NATO CONSULTATIONS, WE MAY WISH TO SUGGEST OTHER IDEAS AS WELL. IN ANY EVENT, USG IS NOT TAKING SUBSTANTIVE POSITION THAT FRENCH PROPOSAL "SHOULD" FOLLOW MBFR AGREEMENT. WE BELIEVE ALLIES MAY WANT TO EXAMINE WHETHER FRENCH PROPOSAL MIGHT BE USEFUL SEQUEL TO MBFR AGREEMENT.

4. IN COMING WEEKS, WE ARE PREPARED TO KEEP OPEN BILATERAL CHANNEL BETWEEN PARIS AND WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT. WE DO NOT WISH TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM NATO CONSULTATIVE PROCESS, HOWEVER, WHICH WE CONSIDER PRIMARY FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE. VANCE

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